FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Byrne Thomas E  (Last) (First) (Middle)  2020 AVON COURT, SUITE 4					<u>Di</u>	Suer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. [ DFFN ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     01/03/2017									all applic	cable)		10% Ov Other (s below)	vner
(Street)  CHARLOTTESVILLE VA 22902  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivat  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. Transa Code (I	ction	4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5)			) or 5. Amou 4 and Securitie Benefici		int of es Forn (D) c (I) (II d) tion(s)		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of E		6. Date Expiration (Month/Da	Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Dei Sed (Ins	. Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	ly	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.26	01/03/2017			A		4,673		(1)	0	1/03/2027	Common Stock	4,673		\$0	4,673		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The shares underlying the options vest in equal parts on the last calendar day of each month until fully vested on December 31, 2019.

/s/ Ben Shealy, attorney-in-fact 01/04/2017 for Thomas Byrne

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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